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ABSTRACT

The High School and Beyond (HSB) Postsecondary Educational Transcript data file is provided. The transcript file includes data collected during 1984-85 from the school transcripts for all members of the HSB elder cohort (1980 senior cohort) who had attended any form of postsecondary institution since leaving high school. Data about the types and patterns of postsecondary courses taken by HSB sample members since 1980, when the base year data were collected, are provided. Because the transcript data file supplements a large, expanding database from the HSB survey, course-taking patterns and performance can be statistically related to a wide range of other variables, including student characteristics and occupational and economic outcomes. Of the 10,425 "in-scope" transcripts requested for 7,776 sample members, 9,385 transcripts for 7,434 sample members were returned for processing. The file, however, contains records for the 7,776 sample members for whom transcripts were requested. The transcript data are organized into a four-level hierarchy consisting of data at the student, transcript, term, and course levels. Student-level data concern the respondents' educational career in general and relevant data from the HSB base year and follow-up surveys. Transcript-level data give the students' academic records at a single institution with degrees or credentials and dates, major and minor fields of study, and the students' overall grade point average. Term-level data concern specific units of instruction including the type of term, its season, starting and ending dates, the type and characteristics of the grading system, and the number of courses taken during the term. Course-level data provide information for each course taken by a student during a specific term. TYPE OF SURVEY: Sample Survey; Follow-up Survey. POPULATION: High School Seniors in 1980 (28,240); Transcripts (11,288). SAMPLE: High School Seniors in 1980 (7,776); Transcripts (10,425). RESPONDENTS: High School Seniors in 1980 (7,434); Transcripts (9,385). RESPONSE RATE: High School Seniors in 1980 (95.6%); Transcripts (90%). FREQUENCY: Periodic. YEAR OF EARLIEST DATA: 1980. YEAR OF LATEST DATA: 1985. (TJH)

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